some of the important steps taken by Government for preparation for the Seattle Ministerial Conference.

(b) Government had authorised the delegation headed by Commerce and Industry Minister to participate in the Third Ministerial Conference at Seattle. However, as no consensus-based conclusion could be reached on most of the issues before the Ministerial Conference, the work of the Conference was suspended. Necessary steps would be taken by the Government to constitute a suitable negotiating team at the appropriate time taking into consideration national interest, past experience and all other relevant factors.

Dumping by MNCs

1070. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that several MNCs of foreign countries are dumping their products in India which is adversely affecting the indigenous companies/industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to put some restrictions on such imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) List of cases as on 29.2.2000 wherein the Designated Authority appointed under Customs Tariff Act and Rules made thereunder has recommended anti-dumping duties, definitive or provisional, or, where investigations have been initiated and are pending for recommendation are given in Annexure. (See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 38)

(c) and (d) Protection to domestic industry is available through tariff mechanism as all imports are subject to applicable duties of Customs. Domestic industry can also seek remedy against exessive imports through Safeguard Directorate mechanism as per the relevant rules. However, it will not be possible to give protection to domestic industry through a regime of Quantitative Restrictions.